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## Around the Army

### Korea:

The Pacific Stars and Stripes reported May 4 that five U.S. Soldiers were found guilty and sentenced to prison in Uijeongbu court on May 2 for the Christmas-night assault and robbery of a taxi driver.

Pvt. Kidem Cortez Porter, 21, received four years in prison, minus 67 days of time served at a Seoul detention center.

Four others received sentences of three and a half years in prison: Spc. Nicholas John Durkin, 21; Pfc. John D. McCall Jr., 21; Pfc. Javon Joshua Reid, 20; and Spc. Ivey Nathaniel Westbrook, 21, who received credit for two days of time served in detention.

"You are all military personnel of the U.S. Army and therefore must respect Korean law," lead judge Cho Yun-shin said following an interpreter.

For more on this story and other U.S. military news in the Pacific and European theaters, visit [www.estripes.com](http://www.estripes.com) on the Web.

### Fort Knox:

The Turret reported April 27 that Fort Knox High School has 14 more reasons to be proud.

The school's dance team of 14 girls has been dazzling judges in varied competitions during the school year, capping it all off with an appearance on Fox News Sports April 25.

The team was in Orlando March 9-13 competing in the national championships, going up against 32 other teams and leaving with a 16th-place finish in the Hip-Hop category.

For more on this story and other Fort Knox, Ky., news, visit [www.thewesternenterprise.com/turret/](http://www.thewesternenterprise.com/turret/) on the Web.

### Fort Belvoir:

The Belvoir Eagle reported April 27 that drivers looking to top off their tanks at the North Post Class Six got an unwelcome surprise April 25.

The station ran out of gas around 9:45 a.m. AAFES acting general manager Rob Baker blamed the temporary shortage on a scramble by oil suppliers and filling stations to switch over to ethanol-based fuel ahead of a May 5 deadline.

"Our distributor is going as far as Baltimore to get gas," he said. The station received a shipment of gas at 6 p.m. April 26.

Baker said AAFES purchases its gas from the same suppliers civilian markets use. He believes that supply will catch up with demand within about seven to 10 days.

For more on this story and other Fort Belvoir, Va., news, visit [www.belvoireagle.com/](http://www.belvoireagle.com/) on the Web.

### Fort Gordon:

The Signal reported April 28 that the post had been systematically restoring military relics on post as funds become available.

The latest piece of equipment restored is the AN/MPQ-10A radar set. It has been placed in the post's Heritage Park.

Cost to restore the radar set was \$3,112.

For more on this story and other Fort Gordon, Ga., news, visit [www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm](http://www.gordon.army.mil/pao/archives.htm) on the Web.

# 69 Soldiers earn 'expert' status

600 try, but only about 1 in 10 pin on coveted infantryman's badge

By Amanda Kim Stairrett  
Staff writer

Earning the Expert Infantryman Badge takes a few things: practice, focus, determination and, for Spcs. Austin Brown, Michael Graves, Dominic Lazaga and Justin Nelson, friends and

humor.

The four 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry, Soldiers and others on post were named expert infantrymen at a ceremony April 28 at Craig Gym.

Brown, Graves, Lazaga, Nelson and another friend, Spc. Will McMillan, used humor to lighten

the tense mood during practice and testing.

"We made it fun," Brown said, after the April 28 ceremony. "Some need to concentrate more than others. Our group needs to loosen up and have fun with it."

About 600 Soldiers volunteered for the tough evaluation of

their Soldiering skills. After prerequisites that included a 12-mile foot march in three hours, day and night land navigation tests, weapons qualification and physical fitness tests, 216 Soldiers began training for the final testing.

After the first day of testing,

154 remained.

After the second day, that number dwindled to 102.

After the final day of testing, 69 Fort Riley Soldiers earned their Expert Infantryman Badges and 11 were distinguished as

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# Dog days

## K-9s, MP partners vie for FORSCOM honors

By Anna Morelock  
Staff writer

Spc. Aaron Hill found himself standing in the middle of a softball diamond dressed as a giant blue-clad chew toy April 25.

"I'm going to get eaten at least once today," he stated confidently as he waited for the next military working dog and its handler to approach the Fort Riley softball complex. They were part of the U.S. Forces Command Military Police K-9 Competition conducted on post April 24-27.

Hill's prediction came true when the second dog of the day walked his way onto the field to try his paw at the tactical obedience course. Under an obstacle, sniff the Kong, keep an eye on that guy in the blue suit, crawl through a tunnel and over some barrels...almost. Maybe just a few steps toward Hill?

"HEEL," the dog's handler projected. The dog turned and ran back to the task at hand. But, that blue guy was still just standing there. Finally, distracted enough, the dog gave in to the temptation and lunged, grabbing a big sharp-toothed mouthful of Hill's bite suit.

Other than his arm flailing about in the jaws of an MWD, Hill stood his ground and looked almost bored, as if having a dog hanging from his arm was a daily occurrence. For him, it probably was.

Some of the dogs were able to resist veering from the obstacle course but kept a wary eye

on Hill just the same. Others seemed to not even notice him, intent on their handler's commands.

"Every event you'll learn something about your dog," said Spc. Brett Fishel of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 97th Military Police Battalion. He was one of four Fort Riley handlers who participated in the event. Fishel tackled the course with 3-year-old Hary, an Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran who he's been working with for about three months.

The courses in the competition, kept secret from the handlers, so although Fishel and Hary spent about month training for the competition, there was no way to know exactly what they'd come up against until they walked up

and saw it. Fishel said the competition was a great way to learn how H a r y react- e d t o dif- fer- ent things. "We do our normal training but this is a little more in-depth ... a real good learning experience."

The tactical obedience course was the first part of the competition April 25. After a

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Post/Morelock Sgt. Corey McDonald and military working dog Pit from the 97th MP Bn. crawl under an obstacle near the end of a 3.5-mile road course on the last day of the FORSCOM K-9 Competition April 27 at Fort Riley.



Post/Morelock A visiting MP carries his working dog on part of the road course April 27.

# Reserve group leaves fort

## Mobilization mission takes on new role

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

Command and control of U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard units moving through Fort Riley took on a new dimension May 1.

The departure and change of command ceremony for 648th Area Support Group in front of the post headquarters that morning signified a reduction in the massive mobilization effort that has consumed the post and two Army reserve organizations since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

The 648th ASG mobilized the much larger 6025th Garrison Support Unit for duty at Fort Riley about 3 1/2 years ago. Two years ago, about 60 648th ASG Soldiers replaced about 200 6025th GSU Soldiers to direct and control the preparation, training and movement of National Guard and U.S. Army Reserve units headed for deployments in Iraq, Afghanistan, Bosnia and elsewhere.

During the 648th ASG's stay at Fort Riley, its personnel handled more than 200 units and 13,000 deploying and returning reserve component Soldiers, "the majority of whom deployed in harm's way," said Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy,

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# Soldiers study Arabic

## Training adds language skills for Iraq duty

By Deb Skidmore  
Media relations officer

Fort Riley Soldiers are learning a new language - Arabic.

Soldiers are going through the Defense Language Institute instruction and training and taking "Tactical Iraqi," a computer-based program, said Capt. Janice Taylor, assistant S2 of 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division.

Soldiers from 1st Bde. received language training from DLI at Monterey, Calif., for three days while Soldiers from the 541st Combat Sustainment Support Battalion received four days of language training on the computer-based program.

She said that Fort Riley Soldiers are being prepared for future deployments to Iraq through these programs that will train them in the Arabic language and customs. She added that the programs

are designed to help military personnel gain a basic understanding of the Iraqi culture. The programs focus on face-to-face communications skills Soldiers will need to carry out daily tasks and missions.

"I have been to Iraq before and didn't have this kind of training," said Sgt. 1st Class Gerardo Ramon of Battery B, 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. "These classes help us interact with the civilians. I think it will keep me much safer."

Ali Abueisa, an Iraqi-born DLI instructor, told a classroom of 1st Bn., 5th FA, Soldiers that Americans have broken the ice since they have been in Iraq, but "now it is time to win the hearts and minds of the Iraqis." He explained that this can be done by interacting with citizens on the street.

Pfc. Albert Lenowicz of Btry. B, 1st Bn., 5th

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# Civilian employees hear assurances

By Amanda Kim Stairrett  
Staff writer

"You'll still be here in five years ... if you are lean and efficient," Melinda McMillon Darby, the Assistant G1 for Civilian Personnel at Headquarters, Department of the Army, assured civilian employees about possible closures and organization realignments April 25 at a town hall meeting in Patton Hall.

Darby and Mary Lacey, National Security Personnel System Program Executive Officer, visited Fort Riley to meet and talk with managers, supervisors and



Post/Stairrett Mary Lacey speaks to civilian employees at a town hall meeting April 25 in Patton Hall.

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Ed services receives award

Southwestern College presented its Educational Partnership Award to Fort Riley Education Services April 21. Fred Rodriguez, director of education services, accepted the award on behalf of his staff. Southwestern College joined the consortium of colleges and universities providing associate, baccalaureate and graduate degrees to Soldier students, family members and Fort Riley civilian employees within the past year.

Rodriguez and his staff were recognized for their cooperation and professionalism and for taking voluntary education at Fort Riley to a new level by bringing innovative approaches and solutions to a very complex operation, said Karen L. Pedersen, vice president for professional studies and SC Online.

### Command change slated

The 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, will conduct a battalion change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. June 7.

The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. David Batchelor. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Christopher Beckert.

By Amanda Kim Stairrett  
Staff writer

Soldiers of the 610th Brigade Support Battalion spent 72 hours in the field starting April 19 in their first field training exercise since the 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team's activation in January.

The goal was to show Soldiers how to provide combat service support from a forward operating base to maneuver battalions using convoys.

The FOB, named Phoenix, was located at the training site near the Outdoor Recreation Center on Rifle Range Road. Two other FOBs, Riley and Geary, were located on the north and west outskirts of Custer Hill.

Soldiers received battle-focused training that would prepare them for future operations, Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Fields said.

That training included reacting to direct fire when mounted in vehicles, recovering downed equipment and conducting new equipment, resupply and mail convoys.

One convoy was conducted every two hours during the third day of the field training exercise.

The route started at FOB Phoenix, snaked north up 1st Division Road and through training areas northeast of Custer Hill. The convoy then had to wind through the roundabouts on Custer Hill before returning to FOB Phoenix.

While on this route, Soldiers had to react to improvised explosive devices, ambushes with road-



Post/Stairrett

**610th BSB Soldiers practice securing a roadway after "locals" blocked it with their vehicles during a convoy exercise April 20 at Fort Riley. BSB Soldiers conducted convoy operations between three forward operating bases located around Fort Riley as part of a 72-hour field training exercise.**

blocks and "locals" blocking the road, asking for food.

"When my Soldiers go on convoys, they hope it's boring," said 1st Sgt. Rick Carullo of Company A as he rode in a "Humvee" following a convoy April 20. "When it's not boring, then it's scary."

During that convoy, three "locals" approached the 19-Soldier convoy. The hood of their vehicle was up and it blocked the gravel road. Two women and one man in headscarves approached

the weary Soldiers, begging for food and yelling.

The "locals" became confrontational when the Soldiers touched or attempted to detain them.

Amongst the confusion, Soldiers had to decide how to deal with the "locals" while safely maneuvering the convoy's seven vehicles through the obstacle. After much yelling, the "locals" backed their vehicle up, but only after stealing a box of MREs from

a "Humvee" in the convoy.

Staff Sgt. Otto Lerdtadsin led the convoy during this training mission and said, considering 90 percent of the Soldiers were new to this type of training, they reacted well.

The Soldiers are learning, said Capt. Joe Young of Co. A. For their first times in a role-playing scenario, they did well.

"We're still working on the procedures and what they need to know for handling these types of



Post/Stairrett

**A 610th BSB Soldier practices securing a "local" who blocked the road and begged for food during a convoy exercise April 20.**

situations," he said.

A great deal of time is spent in the planning phase for an operation of this kind, Fields said. Preparations for the field training exercise began in January after the brigade's activation.

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Clothing sales to change hours

The Military Clothing and Sales Store in the Main PX will change its hours to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning May 22.

### New phone prefix added

Fort Riley recently implemented a new telephone number prefix of 240. The implementation was necessary because the 239 prefix has reached its 10,000-line capacity.

All 239 telephone numbers will remain in use.

The Defense Switched Network access number of 856 still is applicable to all users of 239 telephone numbers when receiving calls from personnel located at other posts, camps, bases and stations utilizing DSN.

A new Defense Switched Network access number of 520 will be associated with all 240 telephone numbers installed on Fort Riley.

The DSN access number of 520 is the prefix personnel from other posts, camps, bases and stations should use when calling Fort Riley 240 telephone numbers.

For example, if your telephone number is 240-2222 and a person located at Fort Hood, Texas, wishes to call you, that person would dial 520-2222 and establish the call using the DSN.

If you are receiving a call from the commercial world or family member, the caller would dial 1-785-240-2222.

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being "True Blue," meaning they made no mistakes. Nelson was one of those "True Blue" Soldiers.

"Recipients of the EIB must be tough, aggressive and have high standards, such as the 69 Soldiers standing before you today," said Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander. The 1st Bn., 16th Inf., sponsored the EIB testing.

To be named an expert infantryman, Soldiers had to complete 35 tasks that tie into infantry skill sets, said 1st Bn., 16th Inf., Command Sgt. Maj. Robert French.

The stations were set up northwest of Camp Forsyth near the rappelling tower. Soldiers had to master such tasks as programming radios, throwing hand grenades accurately, moving under fire and manning all weapons systems.

During the three days of testing, each Soldier had two chances to pass a station. If he missed twice, he was out and must try again during the next EIB testing period. Soldiers aren't limited to how many times they can try to earn their EIB and can keep trying for years, said Maj. David Wood, battalion executive officer.

Graves said he has tried five times, Brown twice and Lazaga and Nelson once each.

Participation in the training is voluntary, but Soldiers are "highly encouraged" to try, because it looks good for promotion, Wood said.

Lazaga said humor was important because some Soldiers take the testing too seriously and it messes with their concentration.

"At first they didn't want us going through together because they thought we wouldn't train

enough," Brown said while at the EIB site April 21. But it was that camaraderie that helped the Soldiers. Graves has tried for his EIB alone before and said it was harder alone.

"Now, in a group, we can talk it over with each other," he said, while sitting with his friends at the EIB site April 21.

Lazaga said each person in the group had his specific strengths, and that lent to their success because they could share tips.

Lazaga said he's strong with weapons, Graves is good with maps and Brown at land navigation. Nelson claimed his specialty was making the group laugh. Graves responded by firmly shaking his head "no" behind Nelson.

"I lighten the mood," Nelson deadpanned.

"He was our nanny," someone joked as the group burst into laughter.

"Yeah, I kept 'em in line," Nelson

## Brigade commander keeps promise

Col. Bart Howard, 1st Brigade commander, tells this story about the testing:

"As I visited the EIB site I came across a lot of Soldiers who were really motivated and excited about earning the EIB. I was impressed with their focus on this accomplishment.

"I met a soldier named (Pfc. Cliff) Conner who I talked with just a bit. I didn't know what unit he was with but thought that he was particu-

ly intent on making it. I said to him, 'You are going to get the EIB and I will pin it on you when you do.'

"A few days later Lt. Col. (Frank) Zachar told me that many Soldiers tried to make it but fell out due to the tough standards, but one mortarman in (1st Bn., 34th Armor) remained - Conner.

"I said, 'Well, I would be proud to pin on the EIB like I promised.'"

son agreed, with a smile.

Nelson admitted he was nervous the first day of testing on April 25 because it was cold and rainy. That nervousness eventually subsided and he passed with no mistakes.

"Getting 'True Blue' for me was luck of the draw because I wasn't planning on it," he said. "I was just concentrating on getting through with no no-gos."

The four all said they were proud to earn the EIB, but glad that the testing and the pressure that came with it was over.

Before the official testing began, Lazaga sat at the site April 21 and contemplated what it would take for him to earn his EIB in the coming days.

"How much heart do you have? That's what it comes down to," he said.

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Lt. Col. Frank Zachar, 1st Bn., 16th Inf., commander, pins an Expert Infantryman Badge on Spc. Richard Morris after awarding Pfc. Joseph Jenkins and Pfc. Travis McDermitt theirs April 28.



Post/Stairrett

Spc. Justin Nelson assembles a radio while his friends (left to right) Specs. Will McMillan, Austin Brown and Dominic Lazaga wait their turn during training for the Expert Infantryman Badge April 21. Nelson, Brown and Lazaga earned their EIB and Nelson was named "True Blue," meaning he passed all 35 stations without having to retake any test.

## Fort Riley's newest expert infantrymen:

1st Bn., 16th Inf., HHC:  
Pvt. Robert Defan  
Spc. Gabriel Goldsmith  
1st Lt. Brian Ziegenhein

Spc. Geordon Ganka  
Spc. Byron Garay  
Sgt. Jaya Hodges  
Pfc. Joseph Jenkins  
Pfc. Travis McDermitt  
Spc. Richard Morris  
Sgt. Jonathon Reinegger  
Spc. Christian Rodriguez  
Sgt. Chris Taylor  
Pvt. Albert Viray  
Pvt. Jeffery Weissenburger

1st Bn., 16th Inf., Co. C:

Pfc. Russell Basham  
Spc. Austin Brown  
2nd Lt. Joseph Carr  
Sgt. David Chadburn  
1st Lt. James Eggleston  
Spc. Jamie Gassard  
Spc. Shawn Goggins  
Pfc. Jordan Hanford  
Spc. Alex Hill  
Spc. Walter Kerbis  
Sgt. Allen Kirkland

Spc. Dominic Lazaga  
Spc. Gregory Lee  
1st Lt. James Maloney  
Staff Sgt. Chad Maulsby  
Sgt. Michael Miller  
Spc. David Moreno  
Sgt. Chad Nebergall  
Spc. Justin Nelson  
Sgt. Shawn Pearson  
Sgt. Bryan Robinson  
Sgt. Robert Wink  
Spc. Thomas Wuehler

1st Bn., 13th Armor, HHC:  
Capt. Ryan Kort  
Sgt. Aaron Lawrence  
Pvt. Shane Wren

1st Bn., 34th Armor, HHC:  
Pfc. Cliff Conner

1st Bn., 41st Inf., HHC:  
Pfc. Travis Dall

1st Bn., 41st Inf., Co. A:

Pfc. Matthew Edwards  
2nd Lt. Jason Ling  
Sgt. Adrian Lopez  
Spc. Rick Olson  
Sgt. Adam Schuman  
1st Lt. Ryan Sunderman

1st Bn., 41st Inf., Co. C:  
1st Lt. William Dewitt  
Sgt. Publio Pena  
Pvt. Maxwell Slaughter  
Pvt. Robert Smith

2nd Bn., 16th Inf., Co. A  
Pfc. Matthew Brown  
Pvt. Shawn Mannix  
Pfc. Ryan Nyhus

2nd Bn., 16th Inf., Co. B  
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## Riley Roundtable

### This week's question:

What's your opinion about local civic representatives going to Germany to talk to 1st Infantry Division Soldiers about areas surrounding Fort Riley?



"I think that will be good for the civilian community, to show the troops what to expect."

**Spec. Jon Acteson**  
Supply clerk  
HHC, 1st Battalion, 16th Infantry  
Home: Auburn, Wash.



"It's a good thing. They (the military families) need to know what to expect. If it were me over there, I would like to know about the schools and things for kids to do."

**Sheila Conaway**  
Military spouse  
Home: Ottawa, Kan.



"That's awesome. Anytime Soldiers can get a heads up on what to expect, that's good. I've seen other cities really support Soldiers, but I've never seen anything like that."

**Staff Sgt. Brian Mancini**  
Medic  
Co. C, 610th Brigade Support Bn.  
Home: Phoenix



"It's a good idea because they (the civic leaders) can find out what military families will expect and need when they get here."

**Karen Simonson**  
Retired Soldier  
Home: Wakefield, Kan.



"That would have helped me when I came here from Korea. It will be good for the Soldiers to find out what there is to do around here and find out about the housing and activities for the kids."

**Sgt. Cristine Yates**  
Medic  
Co. C, 125th Forward Support Bn.  
Home: Los Angeles

### Next week's question:

Mother's Day is May 14. What is your fondest memory of your mother, or what did she teach you about life?

Opinions may be e-mailed to the editor at [mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil](mailto:mike.heronemus@riley.army.mil) or faxed to the editor at 239-2592. Opinions must reach the editor by close of business Tuesdays to appear in the following Friday's paper.

### DeCa

Can you spell "commissary"? A student in Annapolis, Md., won a regional spelling bee recently by getting it right.

Military recruits and new or single servicemembers can spell it, too, but how many really know what one of their most valuable military benefits can do for them?

Commissaries are an essential part of the military community, and that's just one of the messages being delivered to servicemembers during Commissary Awareness Month in May, said Patrick Nixon, chief executive officer and acting director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

With extensive health and wellness sections, lean meats, fresh produce, organics and more, commissaries offer healthy food at healthy savings to all our customers, whether they are married or single.

Single servicemembers can find all their toiletries, snacks,



beverages, vitamins and personal care items at cost in their commissary.

The problem is too many servicemembers wait until they get married or have children to start using the commissary regularly. They don't discover it as soon as they get into the service, Nixon said.

Once the savings of 30 percent or more over commercial grocery stores are discovered, why shop

anywhere else? The commissary benefit can save single military members over \$900 annually if they shop regularly at the commissary, Nixon said. A family of four can save about \$2,700.

The 2006 Commissary Awareness Month activities include single servicemember tours to showcase commissary readiness to serve.

Programs, such as Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers, get personal tours of commissaries, win commissary gift certificates funded by industry and earn Bonus Bucks for their programs through competition for the best tours and events during the month-long event.

Another customer favorite, the annual May worldwide case lot sale, also takes place at nearly all commissaries. Customers can find savings of up to 50 percent over regular prices at case lot sales. It's an experience difficult to describe and impossible to duplicate.

In conjunction with the healthy theme, "Kellogg's

Healthy Beginnings" health screenings will make a repeat appearance at many commissaries in the United States.

The first screenings at 100 commissaries in March were a success as customers got a chance to get blood pressure and cholesterol readings and a health assessment kit for body mass index measurement and fiber needs.

A list of stores and dates will appear on the front page of <http://www.commissaries.com> this month.

The screenings are administered by health care professionals through a company contracted by Kellogg's.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates a worldwide chain of commissaries providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families in a safe and secure shopping environment.

Authorized patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5 percent surcharge that covers the costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones.

### Legally speaking

## Claim may ease stored POV damage costs

By James Stamper

Fort Riley Claims Office

The Army provides a system of compensation for Soldiers whose vehicles are damaged while in long-term storage in the designated privately owned vehicle storage lot. However, this protection is limited and Soldiers must take the appropriate steps to make sure they are eligible for compensation through the Army claims system.

The most important step in maintaining eligibility for compensation is accurately and completely filling out a vehicle inspection sheet (FR Form 904) when turning in a vehicle to the lot.

The inspection is performed jointly by the owner and a designated inspector and records the condition of the vehicle.

Although a copy will be kept by the unit, Soldiers should also keep a copy. It is also recommended that a copy be placed in the glove box of the vehicle.

When returning from deployment, the owner and an inspector fill out the reverse side of the form to note any changes in the

condition of the vehicle.

Damage caused by fire, flood, tornado, theft or vandalism is typically covered, as well as damage caused by the negligence of government employees. However, damage that is merely a result of prolonged exposure to the elements, such as sun fading, dead batteries or dry-rotted tires, are not covered.

Damage from hail is usually not covered.

Soldiers are not allowed to store items in their vehicles during the time it is in the POV lot. Therefore, no compensation is allowed for these lost or damaged items. Vehicles stored at privately owned storage facilities are not covered by the Army claims system.

It is the owner's option whether or not to maintain comprehensive insurance coverage on a vehicle during its time in the POV lot. Insurance may cover damage that the Army claims system does not cover and some insurance companies may reduce rates during long-term storage. Soldiers are required to file with their insurer prior to filing a claim with the Army.

Additionally, those who have financed their vehicles and still have payments remaining might not be able to cancel their insurance without incurring a penalty from their lender. Soldiers should check with their lien holder regarding their insurance requirements during storage.

Soldiers whose vehicles have been damaged during storage should bring the vehicle, inspection sheet, deployment or TDY

orders, registration and insurance information to the Fort Riley Claims Office in Building 200 as soon as possible after receiving their vehicle.

The claims staff will evaluate the damage and investigate the circumstances. If the damage is covered by the Army claims regulation, the owner will be compensated accordingly.

For more information, call the Fort Riley Claims Office at (785) 239-3830.

### Grunt By Wayne Ulden



### Letter to editor

## About Holocaust:

The Holocaust never happened? Then how do you explain the slaughter of 6 million Jewish mothers, fathers, sons daughters, sisters, brothers, grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, nieces, human beings?

How do you explain trenches of dead bodies? How do you explain the numbers that were branded on those who were destined to die?

I guess some can't believe the

holocaust happened because they haven't experienced such conditions first-hand. I believe mankind could then and even now carry out such atrocities. Does the name Saddam Hussein or Osama Bin Laden ring a bell? If nations don't remember and teach the children of future generations to remember the horrors of our past, those horrors will be repeated.

**Cassandra and William Brown**  
Retired military

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## Post, Army news briefly

### Hospital week events planned

Irwin Army Community Hospital will celebrate National Hospital Week from May 8 to 13. The front lobby will house a historical display of IACH through the ages.

On May 9, educational materials from various areas within the hospital, including the obstetrics and gynecology clinic, pharmacy, nutrition care, preventive medicine, public health nursing and behavioral health, will be available.

Blood pressure checks and body fat assessments will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the area beside elevators 1 and 2.

Children are invited to attend IACH's Summer Safety Day and meet McGruff, who will be on hand to greet and speak with the children, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. May 11. Summer safety handouts also will be available.

### Public Works slates training

The Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, has scheduled the following training courses in May:

Environmental Team Training at 9 a.m. May 8 and 9 in Room 6, Building 407. The course lasts two days.

Environmental Team Training certifies environmental team leaders and members on how to safely handle hazardous materials and waste handling as well as spill responses at the unit level. Leaders and team members must attend this course within 60 days of appointment to their duties.

For more information or to enroll, call 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools non-commissioned officer.

Environmental Team Training Refresher at 9 a.m. May 15 in Room 6, Building 407. The class lasts two hours.

This course is an annual refresher to the Environmental Team Training course.

For more information or to enroll, call 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools non-commissioned officer.

Battery Hazard Awareness Training (Code Name Lithium) at 10 a.m. every Wednesday in Building 1930 at Camp Funston. The class lasts one hour.

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This course includes training on health, safety and personal protective equipment when handling lithium batteries.

For more information or to enroll, call 239-2305 or 239-0446 or check with a battalion schools noncommissioned officer.

### Info ops sets post recruiting

The U.S. Army Information Operations Proponent will conduct a Fort Riley information and recruiting visit from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 8 and from 8 a.m. to noon May 9 in Room 11 of Learning Center 2, Building 7656 on Custer Hill.

Representatives from USAIOP and Human Resources Command-Alexandria will give an overview briefing for officers interested in learning about Functional Area 30 (Information Operations) and the Career Field Designation process.

For an appointment or additional information, send e-mail to Henry David Pendleton@us.army.mil or call (913) 684-5320 (DSN 552-5320). Walk-ins throughout both days will be accepted.

## Arabic training

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FA, agreed, saying, "These classes give us a better understanding of their culture. It gives us a better appreciation of their society."

Lenowicz, 25, from Syracuse, N.Y., said he has not deployed to Iraq but feels that daily interaction with Iraqis will make him more confident when his unit deploys later this year.

"This is the third day of the training in DLI," he said, "and I can get along fairly well with daily conversation already. I think it will be a nice foundation while we are there so we will be better immersed in their culture and language."

He said the Arabic language was a little daunting at first but was easier to master than he thought it would be. He said he has some background in Spanish, Chinese and Italian in addition to this Arabic training.

Second Lt. Jeff Dickson of Btry B, 1st Bn, 5th FA, said he has not deployed to Iraq but did a tour in Afghanistan with the 82nd Airborne Division. "There was a big language barrier in Afghanistan. We had limited (language) training," said the 35-year-old Kansas City, Mo., native. He added the pronunciation in Arabic is difficult but necessary.

"It will keep us safer," he stressed. "Things have changed in Iraq since the war began. We now have time to say 'Hello' and 'How are you doing?' to the Iraqi citizens."

He explained that earlier in the war the focus was more difficult. Soldiers gave basic commands such as "Stop and Lie Down," he said. "Now we are doing basic greetings and niceties."

The classes are actually fun, said 1st Lt. Ryan Evans of 1st Bn, 5th FA. "You have to have fun to learn," he said, as he and two other Soldiers practiced interacting with each other in Arabic.

"We may not always have an



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**During a three-day course on Defense Language Institute instruction, Dr. Philip Hermitz, instructor, teaches students from 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery. The Soldiers were acquiring basic language skills to use in scenarios they could encounter in Iraq.**

interpreter, and if there is a dangerous situation, this training will help us accomplish our mission," he said.

"This (Tactical Iraqi class) is as close to Iraq as we can get. Soldiers without being shot at," said instructor Stephen Franke.

Franke said he has been involved in the program for two years, and the goal of the class is to train the Soldiers to be users of the Iraqi language and customs and train the Soldiers to be trainers. He explained that the classes are user friendly and interactive using the computer program.

Pfc. Anthony Turner of the



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**Pvt. Antonio Taylor, 541st CSSB, trains with the Tactical Iraqi Language Training program, which focuses on the face-to-face communication skills needed to carry out important tasks and missions in Iraq.**

541st CSSB was using the computer program under Franke's watchful eye. Turner, 19, from Toledo, Ohio, said he was proficient in German and French and had been working on the Iraqi program for only two days.

"This system is very easy to use, and I've never learned a language so fast," he said.

Taylor added that all of the Soldiers know these classes will help them in the future."

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**Col. Kimberly A. Weaver (left), outgoing commander of the 648th ASG, accepts a folded flag that had flown at Fort Riley and plaque from Maj. Gen. Dennis E. Hardy, commanding general, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech) and Fort Riley, May 1 as part of the departure ceremony for the demobilizing U.S. Army Reserve unit. Participating in the ceremony in front of Fort Riley's headquarters building is the division and post command sergeant major, Marvel R. Dean (right).**

## Reserves

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commanding general, 24th Infantry Division (Mech) and Fort Riley, at the departure ceremony.

Part of the 648th ASG Soldiers at Fort Riley will return to their homes after a civilian jobs the middle of May as members of the redesignated 648th Regional Support Group. Col. Corinne E. Bardgett now commands the group, assuming command from Col. Kimberly A. Weaver right after the departure ceremony ended.

About 30 648th RSG Soldiers will remain at Fort Riley, however, volunteering to take up a smaller mission of command and control.

That new mission will handle reserve component Soldiers who will move through Fort Riley for specialized training and a follow-up mission with the new military transition teams that post cadre will prepare for advisory and assistance roles to Iraqi and other nations' security forces, said Lt. Col. Richard D. Atrial, 648th RSG S1.

The 648th RSG Soldiers staying at Fort Riley will be assigned to the U.S. Army Garrison and perform duties similar to what they have been doing, only on a smaller scale, Atrial said.

The "small ceremony was" an absolutely crucial recognition of great Americans, and great citizen-Soldiers," Hardy told the audience of well-wishers.

"This nation of ours, five years into the war on terrorism, in fact, could not have begun to accomplish what it has accomplished so far had it not been for the great teamwork, the great spirit of our citizen-Soldiers," he emphasized.

The two Army reserve support units had to assume the tasks of Fort Riley's deployed active duty units and personnel in order to accomplish the mobilization mission, Hardy explained. "In 2004, most of this installation was deployed," he reminded.

"Up and down and across the installation, we had reserve component Soldiers performing active duty missions for the active duty portion of this formation because we couldn't do it for ourselves, because of deployments and because of the additional workload that had come in," Hardy said.

Weaver highlighted a few accomplishments by the 648th ASG while it served at Fort Riley:

"Over \$7.2 million in supplies and equipment were requisitioned or purchased for mobilizing units. Over 1.8 million rounds of ammunition were expended (training Soldiers), and Detachment 2, our medical holdover detachment, processed over 1,622 Soldiers," she said.

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# K-9s compete

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break for lunch, the handlers and dogs came back to show off their aggression.

In the first afternoon event, the dogs were set loose on Hill after he exchanged gunfire with the handler across the outfield. When the dog got about halfway to him, Hill threw down his weapon and gave up. The handler's job was to call the dog off.

After passing the first station, the dogs met a second suspect pacing behind orange barriers in center field. When the dog was released and ready to set into Sgt. Kevin Cameron, the second bite-suit clad lure of the afternoon, Cameron sent a trash can filled with metal tumbling down in front of the dog. Without hesitating most of the dogs charged around and found their mark despite the clanging distraction.

After completing the second station, the dogs were muzzled and went after Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Avis. Without the use of its jaws, the first dog through the course took off after Avis and tried to take him down using his body weight. Feet still on the ground, the MWD lunged at Avis, but Avis stood his ground.

"Now this is the dog to watch," commented the MPs on the sidelines as the second dog approached. When his handler released him at the third station, the dog took off after Avis, leapt through the air and hit Avis, knocking him off his feet.

During the rest of the week, the dogs worked on detection, sniffing vehicles, luggage and a warehouse for bombs and narcotics; doing building searches; scouting; and completing a 3 1/2-mile road course with obstacles along the way.

Fishel said the road course was the toughest event. "It was long

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- Building Search  
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2nd - Sgt. James Cooley, Fort Bragg  
3rd - Sgt. David Hill, Fort Drum
- Scouting  
1st - Sgt. Matthew Fitting, Fort Drum  
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3rd - Sgt. Corey McDonald, Fort Riley
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Sgt. Matthew Fitting, Fort Drum



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Spc. Brett Fishel, 97th MP Bn., encourages MWD Hary as he swims across Moon Lake toward his goal on the other side. Hary made it about halfway across before turning back and taking a drier route to attack his target on the other side, Staff Sgt. Jan Labanoski, a trainer from Fort Drum, N.Y.



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MWD Hary of the 97th MP Bn., attacks the arm of Staff Sgt. Jan Labanoski, a trainer from Fort Drum, N.Y., during the FORSCOM K-9 Competition at Fort Riley April 27.



Post/Morelock

Sgt. Corey McDonald, 97th MP Bn., holds onto MWD Pit's harness as he fires blanks during the last obstacle before the finish line of a 3.5-mile road course. The course was part of the FORSCOM K-9 Competition at Fort Riley April 24-27.

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employees of the Civilian Human Resources Agency Southwest Regional Office, Southwest Civilian Personnel Operations Center, Army Benefits Center – Civilian and Fort Riley Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The two officials answered questions from the employees in an effort to ease “angst about rumors you’ve heard” and “try to put your fears at ease,” Darby said. One CPOC, located in Alaska, will be closed, she said, and that is because of Base Realignment and Closure.

“I believe we’re OK for this round certainly,” Darby said of the CHRA organizations located at Fort Riley.

The 360 CHRA employees at

Fort Riley are some of the first to transition to the new NSPS, which launched April 30. More than 11,000 Department of Defense employees are in the initial deployment phase, known as Spiral 1.1, and all 2,348 CONUS-based CHRA employees converted to NSPS April 30.

Darby said the envelope has been pushed this fiscal year with Base Realignment and Closure, restationing and NSPS all demanding attention.

Mary Rodriguez, Southwest Region director, said the most important message Fort Riley’s CHRA employees took away from the meeting was that, “NSPS was a new personnel management system directly linked to meeting

our national security mission.

“It will provide DoD (Department of Defense) managers with the flexibility and tools to quickly hire new employees and fairly compensate and reward current employees based on performance,” she said.

Darby said NSPS focused on quality, not quantity.

Unlike the current legacy system, pay increases under NSPS will no longer be based on longevity, which is a reason Rodriguez said NSPS is better than the old system.

“NSPS pay increases and

bonuses will be tied directly to employee performance. Performance objectives directly link to organizational mission objectives and performance and employee contributions are results-driven. All supervisors will be held accountable for effective management of their employees under NSPS,” she said.

The ability of supervisors to fairly compensate and reward employees is one of the biggest concerns raised about NSPS.

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## NSPS timeline

**November 2003** – Congress granted the Department of Defense authority to establish a new human resources management system.

**Early 2004** – DoD established a program office to oversee the design and implementation of the system.

**November 2005** – A coalition of unions filed a lawsuit to block implementation of portions of NSPS.

**February 2006** – Judge Emmet G. Sullivan enjoined the DoD from implementing the contested portions.

**April 17, 2006** – The Justice Department filed a notice of appeal in the Court on behalf of DoD.

**April 30, 2006** – Organizations in the initial deployment phase (Spiral 1.1) transitioned to NSPS.

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## Sports news in brief

### Outdoorsmen group to meet

The Fort Riley Outdoorsmen Group will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. May 9 at the Conservation Office on post. The guest speaker will be Rick Dykstra, assistant director of the Geary County Convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Dykstra brought several big-name fishing tournaments to Milford Lake over the past couple of years and will speak primarily about fishing opportunities off-post. Information also will be available for fishing on post. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 239-6069.

### Jaycees slate softball play

The Jaycees will host an all-night softball showdown from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. May 27-28 at North Park in Junction City.

Teams can pick up registration forms in Junction City at Central National Bank, Wal-Mart, Screen Machine Sports at 115 E. Seventh St., Dick Edwards Auto at 375 Grant Ave. and KJCK Platinum Broadcasting at U.S. Highway 77 and Ash Street.

For more information, call (785) 761-436 or send e-mail to JunctionCityJaycees@yahoo.com.

### Outdoor staff plans canoeing

Authorized users of the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center can sign up for upcoming canoe trips on the Kansas River.

The trips total 10.3 miles from the U.S. Highway 24 Bridge to St. George. Participants should plan to be gone between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Trips are being planned for June 3 and 17, July 8 and 29 and Aug. 5 and 19.

Cost per person is \$15, which includes rental fees for canoe, paddles and life vest and transportation to and from the Outdoor Recreation Center.

Anyone interested should register at the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

For more information, call 239-2363.

### Youth fishing tournament set

A youth fishing tournament is planned from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 10 at Moon Lake on post. The tournament is open for children age 2 to 12 and teenagers age 13 to 19. A parent must be present while the younger children fish.

Entry fee is \$5 per person. Prizes will be awarded for the largest fish by weight, largest fish by length and largest stringer of fish. The prizes will go to the top three winners in each of the two age categories.

Prizes include a rod and reel, lures and coolers. Each entrant can use no more than two poles. Kansas fishing regulations for length and creel limit apply for the tournament.

Entrants must register by June 8. To register, call 239-2363 or stop by the Outdoor Recreation Center, 9011 Rifle Range Road.

## 13th Armor wins volleyball title

By Anna Morelock  
Staff writer

With only four teams competing in this year's post volleyball season, the play was short for all and sweet for 1st Battalion, 13th Armor. The armor team dominated the three nights of regular season

play with a 3-0 record and went on to defeat 1st Battalion, 5th Field Artillery, to win the post volleyball tournament May 1.

In the first two matches, the two teams played head to head until the final points of the match. In the first match of the game, with the score at FA 20, Armor 24,

it seemed 1st Bn., 13th Armor, would make the game point and carry the first match, but the artillery team slowed down the play and gave it their all.

The armor team ended up helping FA when a serve sailed out of bounds giving FA the point. In almost identical plays, FA gained

two more points on the Armor team when they blocked returns from the dominating team.

After slowing down the frantic play, the teams took their time volleying the final serve, but the FA team ended up hitting the ball out of bounds and giving the final point to the Armor team.

The second match was a close run in points throughout like the first, with a twist at the end. A bad serve by FA brought Armor to 20 and left FA just one point ahead with 21. During the next volley, FA hit the ball out, but an Armor player tried for the ball anyway.

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## Splashin' dash

### Manhattan, Fort Riley triathletes win overall

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

About 65 triathletes braved cool and damp weather to compete in Fort Riley's Splashin' Dash Triathlon April 29. Fort Riley competitors won all three-person team and overall female categories, and a Manhattan, Kan., resident took top overall male honors.

Fort Riley's Virginia Lee posted a time of 0:39:37 to be the fastest female competitor. She competed in the 30- to 40-year-old female category.

Ric Rosenkranz finished the course in 0:33:30 for top male honors.

Father Ron Lysinger, daughter Rebecca and son Ronnie combined their performances on one of the three legs of the race to win the co-ed team under 100 years combined age category with a time of 0:53:34.

The 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery, team of Patrick Henson, Matthew Offler and Kevin Mills finished the course in 0:44:48 to win the male team under 100 years combined age category.

The Medical Department Activity team of Ian Lee, Chris Lowry and Mark Ochoa finished in 0:38:39 to win the male team over 100 years combined age category. The race required contestants to swim a serpentine 300-meter course in Eyster Pool on Custer Hill, then ride a bike over 7.2 miles of post roads, including Kitty Drive and 1st Division Road on Custer Hill, down Caisson Hill Road from Ellis Heights housing area past the hospital, southwest along Huebner Road to Seitz Drive and then the short distance along that street to Riley's Conference Center.

From the transition point at Riley's, competitors ran a 2-mile course across the grounds surrounding Riley's, ending up almost where they started on the circuitous running trail.

"I really liked it," said Kansas State University freshman Eric Schroeder. "The

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Ian Lee, swimmer for the MEDDAC male team, leaves Eyster Pool after completing the 300-meter serpentine course. He passed the red bracelet to biking teammate Chris Lowry, who then passed it to runner Mark Ochoa. The team finished first in the males with combined age over 100 category of the Fort Riley Splashin' Dash triathlon April 29.

## Former Marine honored for flag saving

AFPS

WASHINGTON — Rick Monday credits six years in the Marine Corps Reserve with his saving an American flag on April 25, 1976, during a game between the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Chicago Cubs.

Monday, who was playing center field for the Cubs, stopped two protestors from trying to burn an American flag on the outfield grass at Dodger Stadium.

In honor of the 30th anniversary of this event, Monday was honored during the Dodgers' game against the Houston Astros at Minute Maid Park, in Houston, April 25.

Monday said his thoughts were also "reinforced by a lot of friends who lost their lives protecting the rights and freedoms that flag represented."

"To this day, I couldn't tell you what was running through my mind except I was mad because what they were trying to do was wrong," he said. "When I reflect back upon it now, I still get goose bumps."

Recently, the National Baseball Hall of Fame named Monday's heroic effort as one of the 100 Classic Moments in the history of the game.

Vin Scully, the long-time Dodgers' announcer who called the game in 1976, said Monday's "alertness and quick thinking" thwarted the burning. "Rick Monday, you've made a great play," Scully said that day.

Dodger executive Al Campanis later presented Monday with the flag at Wrigley Field. Monday said he still hangs it proudly in his home in Vero Beach, Fla.

Editor's note: This story is based on releases from the Los Angeles Dodgers and MLB.com.

## Engineers extinguish Phoenix on soccer field

### 70th Armor team wins final game by forfeit

By Mike Heronemus  
Editor

The 1st Engineer Battalion wrapped up Southern League soccer play April 27 with a 3-2 win against the 610th Brigade Support Battalion Phoenix.

The 2nd Battalion, 70th Armor, won the season's final Northern League game with a forfeit by the 70th Engineer Battalion the same evening.

The 1st Bn. Engineers started the game two players shy. Enough players showed up in the final five minutes before game time to get play under way, but referees were rushing the team to start the game

on time. Teams must have seven players ready to play in order for a game to start. Otherwise, the team forfeits.

The Phoenix showed up with enough players to play against themselves and wore distinctive jerseys advertising a team cohesion and spirit that might be hard to defeat.

The Engineers took only seven minutes of the first half, however, to score the game's first goal.

After his teammates rejected the Phoenix's first shot on the goal, Rob Schultz scored unassisted to put the Engineers on top 1-0.

The Phoenix retaliated quickly with Charles Oriusa scoring unassisted about six minutes later to tie the game at 1-1.

Both teams' offenses continued to threaten throughout the first half, forcing both goalies to work hard to stop shots. The Phoenix's goalie, Ricardo Martinez, showed particular skill in saving two Engineer shots with about 19 minutes gone in the 25-minute half, and then watched a teammate kick a shot squarely in the middle of the goal but just above the top bar to miss an opportunity to take the lead.

Engineer goalie Gregory Wright stopped the next Phoenix scoring attempt and the Engineers

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Goalie Gregory Wright moves to slap a 610th BSB Phoenix shot away from the 1st Eng. Bn. goal in the final Southern League soccer game at Fort Riley April 27. The Engineers defeated the Phoenix 3-2.





## Sports news briefly

### Trainer offers personal tips

A personal trainer is available by appointment for exercise sessions at King Field House.

A 60-minute session costs \$20. A 60-minute session for two people costs \$30.

To set up an appointment, call 313-3165.

### Youth camps scheduled

Fort Riley youth can register to participate in three sports camps this summer.

A basketball camp is scheduled July 17-24, a soccer camp July 31 through Aug. 4 and a volleyball camp Aug. 7-11.

The cost of each camp is \$25 per camper with current Child and Youth Services registration.

For more information, call CYS at 239-4847.

### Youth racquet program set

Fort Riley youth can register at Central Registration June 19-30 to participate in a racquetball program.

The program will run July 17 through Aug. 11. Cost is \$20 with current CYS registration.

For more information, call CYS at 239-4847.

### Center hosts fitness nights

Family fitness nights are scheduled from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. May 19, June 23, July 28 and Aug. 25 at the Fort Riley Teen Center, Building 5800.

The nights offer a free opportunity for parents and children to work out and exercise together in a high energy environment.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or 239-9200.

## Volleyball

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and hit it wild, bringing the score to 22-20 in favor of the artillery.

The teams took a short time out to rally in what could have been the final match after Armor made up its two-point deficit and brought the score to 22 all.

Armor's first serve after the time out sailed under the net, bringing the score to FA 23, Armor 22.

Each team scored a point after that, making it FA 24, Armor 23. The tankers spiked the ball hard back to FA. A brief glance between the referees ended when arms were thrown up, the ball was called out and the match went to FA, 25-23.

The third match was played only to 15 points and showed the

Armor team's season dominance. With much shouting and boisterous cheering from the tankers, they scored point after point against the discouraged artillery team and won the final match, 15-5.

After the game, trophies and T-shirts were awarded to 1st Bn., 13th Armor, as the post champions, and 1st Bn., 5th FA, as the runner-up team.

The teams' final records for the season were: MEDDAC/DEN-TAC, 2-1; 1st Bn., 5th FA, 0-3; 1st Bn., 13th Armor, 3-0; and 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 0-3.

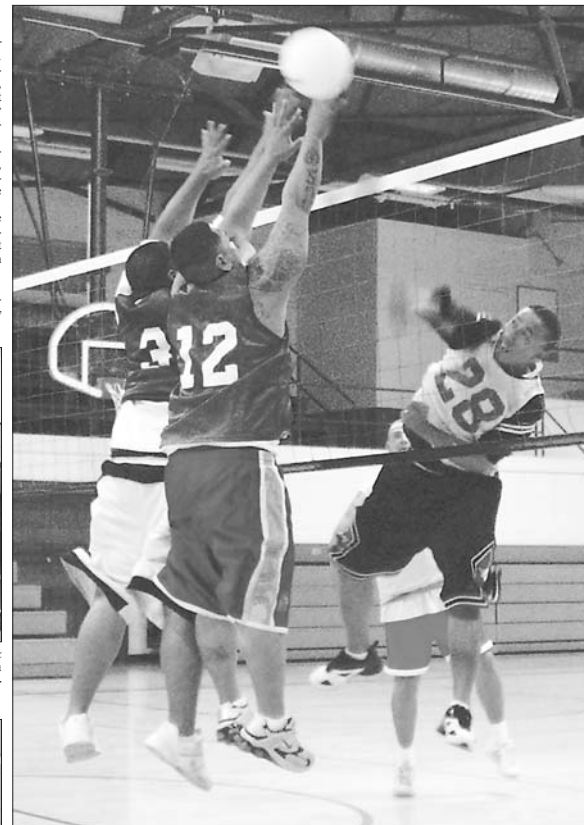
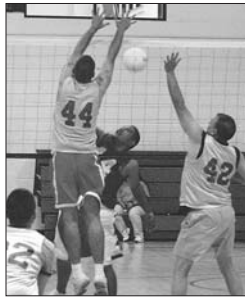
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Mark Wang (32), 1st Bn., 5th FA, bumps the ball to Sava Maiava (28) during the post volleyball tournament championship game May 1 at King Field House.

Dana Lescoe (44) and Timothy Smith (42) of 1st Bn., 5th FA, jump to block a spike from 1st Bn., 13th Armor's, Jeff Laupapa during the post volleyball tournament May 1 at King Field House. The 1st Bn., 13th Armor, defeated the artillerymen to win the post championship title. The Armor team had dominated a brief volleyball season on post.

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Oliver Paga (3) and Pati Tiumalu (12), 1st Bn., 13th Armor, jump up to block a spike from 1st Bn., 5th FA's, Sava Maiava in the post volleyball tournament championship game May 1 at King Field House.

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## Sports news briefly

### Swimmers sought for club

Swimmers in grades three through eight may register through April 28 to participate on a post swim club. If enough interest is shown, the club may become a USA Swimming team and compete throughout Kansas in December 2006 or May 2007.

Cost is \$20 per month. Swimmers can register at Central Registration in Building 6620.

For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 239-9223 or 239-9220.

### Junior golfers get 'pro' time

Three sessions of junior golf will be held for kids ages 5 through 18 at Custer Hill Golf Course. The sessions will be May 16 to June 27, July 11 to Aug. 15 and Aug. 29 to Oct. 3.

Golfers ages 5 through 10 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Golfers ages 11 through 18 will play from 5:15 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays.

The cost is \$60 for six weeks. Registration begins April 17. Ten spaces will be available in each class.

### Spring golf tournament set

The Garrison spring golf tournament is scheduled to tee off at noon May 12 at Custer Hill Golf Course.

The team scramble event will be limited to first 25 teams of four players to sign up. Entry fee is \$45 per person or \$180 per team. Club members may deduct \$10 from their fee.

Mulligans will be available at \$20 per team.

Price includes green fees, carts, food, limited beverages and prizes.

# 12 marksmen make U.S. team

## Army News Service

FORT BENNING, Ga. — The USA Shooting World Championship Selection Matches concluded April 22 with 12 U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Soldiers being selected for the team and four others in the running.

USAMU international rifle shooters Lt. Col. Robert E. Harbison, Sgts. 1st Class Jason A. Parker and Thomas A. Tamas, Sgt. Shane M. Barnhart and Spcs. Nicole M. Allaire and Michael D. McPhail made the World Championship Rifle Team.

Sgts. 1st Class Joetta R. Dement, Theresa E. DeWitt and Shawn C. Dulohery, Staff Sgt. William H. Keever, Spc. Matthew T. Wallace and Plc. Joshua M. Richmond made the World Championship Shotgun Team.

"This is the first time I've made the World Championship Team and it feels great," Barnhart said. "I'm excited about going and I'm expecting good things from me and the team. We're sending a real strong team and I think we have an excellent chance of doing well."

This is McPhail's first time

making the World Championship Team, and it's his first time on the National Team.

In the Three-Position Match, the only shooters who beat McPhail were Olympians Matt Emmons and Parker; McPhail even beat 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist Maj. Michael E. Anti, who McPhail said has helped him a lot.

USAMU pistol shooters who are leading in the World Championship Selection process are Sgts. 1st Class Thomas A. Rose and Daryl L. Szarenski and Staff Sgts. John C. Ennis and Keith A.

Sanderson. These Soldiers have a substantial lead on the next competitors going into the final stage of the World Championship Pistol Team selection, which takes place at the USA Shooting National Championships in June.

This Spring Selection Match, which was conducted April 11 to 22 at the Pool Complex and Phillips Range at Fort Benning, Ga., determines the men's and women's rifle teams and serve as a major portion of the selection process for the men's and women's pistol teams going to the 2006 International Shooting Sport

Federation World Shooting Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, July 22 to Aug. 5.

USA Shooting conducts a team selection match for the rifle and pistol disciplines before its three major international competitions — the Olympic Games, the World Championships and the Pan-American Games — in order to ensure the most qualified shooters make the team.

A total of 80 athletes (24 rifle, 26 pistol and 30 shotgun) will be selected by USA Shooting to represent the U.S. at the world's largest shooting championships.

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raced back down the field. A Phoenix penalty set up a pass and score combination from Carlos Pineda to Armando Juarez that put the Engineers up 2-1 at the end of the half.

The Engineers' kicking got a little wild right after the second half started. They sent one shot wide left and another wide right.

Martinez was hard to beat through much of the second half. He saved at least four shots in which he was the only player that

could have stopped the Engineers from scoring.

**Post  
tournament**  
The Phoenix offense continued to press the Engineers and Oriusa kicked the ball past Wright to tie the score at 2-2 with less than 12 minutes left to play.

The Engineers sent one shot over the top of the net and another wide left before Evens Durand blasted the final Engineer score into the goal with seven minutes left to play.

Seven minutes wasn't enough time for the Phoenix to score again, and the Engineers wrapped up their season with a 4-1 record.

The Phoenix finished regular season play with a 2-3 record.

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### Northern League Standings

(as of April 27)

Team	W	L
2nd Bn., 70th Armor	4	0
70th Eng. Bn.	4	1
1st Bn., 5th FA	3	2
SJA/CID	2	2
97th MP	1	3
331st Signal	0	5

### Southern League Standings

(as of April 27)

Team	W	L
2nd Bn., 34th Armor	5	0
1st Eng. Bn.	4	1
1st Bn., 16th Inf.	2	2
610th BSB	2	3
10th ASOS	1	4
Meddacc/Dentac	0	4



One 610th BSB Phoenix player (black jersey) tangles with a 1st Eng. Bn. player as another Phoenix player moves in to help take control of the soccer ball April 29 in the final Southern League game of the season. The Engineers defeated the Phoenix 3-2 in a game that had the Engineers score first and last.

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## Sports news briefly

### Gym, pool activities listed

King Field House and Eyster Pool staffs have scheduled several activities and classes scheduled for the coming week, including:

**May 13** – 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, Mommy & Me; 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., King Field House, spinning class.

**May 14** – 2 to 4 p.m., Riley Wheels at King Field House, family roller skating for \$1 for ID card holder.

**May 15** – 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., King Field House, Fit Force I; 9 to 10 a.m., King Field House, spinning class; noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, fitness yoga; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., King Field House, turbo kick; 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, abs, buns and thighs; 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., King Field House, total body toning.

**May 16** – 8:45 to 11:15 a.m., King Field House, fitness assessments; 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., King Field House, PT power time; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 5 to 6 p.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 6 to 7 p.m., King Field House, spinning class.

**May 17** – 9 to 10 a.m., King Field House, spinning class; 5:45 to 6:30 p.m., Eyster Pool, abs, buns and thighs.

**May 18** – 6:30 to 7:30 a.m., King Field House, spinning house; 9 to 10 a.m., King Field House, Revol-X; 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; noon to 1 p.m., King Field House, fitness yoga; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., King Field House spinning class; 5 to 6 p.m., Eyster Pool, water aerobics; 6 to 7 p.m., King Field House spinning class.

**May 19** – 9 to 10 a.m., King Field House, turbo kick; 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., King Field House, cardio pump step aerobics.

For more information, call 239-2813.

## Triathlon

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weather could have been better, but you can't do anything about that," he said.

Schroeder was competing in his second triathlon. His first was last year's Manhattan triathlon, and he said that race got him hooked on the sport. "I plan to do five or six more this summer," he said.

Fellow K-State freshman Ben Hollon said the relatively flat course made for fast times, especially the bike route, much of which went downhill.

Even though both triathletes judged the course "easy," Schroeder admitted he was hurting physically during part of the course, even though he had been training about three times a week in preparation.

"You hurt while you're doing it, but it really feels good when you're done," he added.

Eleven-year-old Rebecca Lysinger didn't train for the triathlon. The only preparation she had was a familiarization drive along the bike course with her dad the night before.

For a while, "I didn't think I could finish," she said. The few hills on Kitty Drive were tough, she said, but "when I got by the hospital, I said, 'OK, I'm going to make it,' and I started to push myself."

Her 13-year-old brother, Ronnie, runs the 800-meter in track at Flint Hills Christian school, father Ron said. Ronnie handled the 2-mile run for the winning family team who hadn't thought about entering until wife and mother, Rhonda, told them she had signed them up.

Fort Riley hasn't sponsored a triathlon for several years, said Jim Westerhaus, sports director on post. He said he was pleased with the turnout April 29 and even took a souvenir photo of Bob Webster and his daughter, Melinda, who drove from Pryor, Okla., to compete in the Splashin' Dash.

"This was my first triathlon," admitted Melinda. Her father hadn't competed in a triathlon for about eight to 10 years, he said.

Neither had trained for the race, but seemed satisfied with their accomplishment.

"I finished it," said Melinda with a beaming smile.



*Post/Heronemus*  
Little Lori Peer chases her mother's friend, Larissa Kupczyk of IHHC, 24th Inf. Div. (Mech), as she finishes the 2-mile run in the Fort Riley Splashin' Dash Triathlon April 29. Mother Jamie Peer (in dark sweatshirt beside path) cheers on her daughter.



*Post/Heronemus*  
John Geis carries son in a backpack complete with roof that kept Alex dry during brief bouts of rain at the Splashin' Dash Triathlon April 29. Father and son were waiting for wife and mother Lisa to finish running.



*Post/Heronemus*  
Laurie Simmons (No. 57) of Oologah, Okla., and Chris Rinehart of Wakefield, Kan., cross the Fort Riley Splashin' Dash finish line April 29 to the applause of spectators.

### Age category finishers

#### Female under 18:

1st – Claire Armstrong, Wamego, 0:58:44

#### Female 19-29:

1st – Jenny Kirk, HSC, 1st Eng. Bn., 0:55:38  
2nd – Jamie Peer, 15th PSB, 0:55:52

3rd – Melinda Webster, Pryor, Okla., 0:56:55

#### Female 30-40:

1st Virginia Lee, Fort Riley, 0:39:37

2nd – Allegra Steinfort, Fort Riley, 0:51:22

3rd – Charlene Korber, Ogden, Kan., 0:51:24

#### Female 41-50:

1st – Donna Richardson, Abilene, Kan., 1:05:40

2nd – Georgia Kirks, Fort Riley, 1:14:07

3rd – Tricia Armstrong, Wamego, Kan., 1:15:09

#### Male under 18:

1st – Graham Armstrong, Wamego, 0:47:51

2nd – Andrew DeZess, Junction City, Kan., 1:13:44

#### Male 19-29:

1st – Michael Manley, Manhattan, Kan., 0:38:33

2nd – Michael Dishman, Lexington, Mo., 0:38:36

3rd – Dirk Steinfort, HHC, 70th Eng. Bn., 0:40:20

#### Male 30-40:

1st – Ric Rosenkranz, Manhattan, Kan., 0:33:30

2nd – Jeff Stover, Task Force Dependable, Fort Riley, 0:40:07

3rd – Ryan Johnson, Co. C, 2nd Bn., 34th Armor, 0:40:15

#### Male 41-50:

1st – Robert Webster, Pryor, Okla., 0:47:23

2nd – Benjamin Meek, Task Force Dependable, Fort Riley, 0:55:30

3rd – Paul Armstrong, Wamego, Kan., 0:59:22

#### Male 51 and above:

1st – Alan Birdsell, Hesston, Kan., 0:59:27

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# Fort Riley Community Life

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## Community news briefly

### Summer camp registration set

School Age Services will conduct summer camps for kindergartners through fifth-graders beginning May 30. The 11 one-week sessions will contain fun-filled activities, arts and crafts, swimming, games, bowling, skating, field trips, computers, math, science and more.

Registration for children currently enrolled in SAS ends May 5. New registrations begin May 8.

For more information or to register, call the Central Registration Office at 239-4847.

### Youth services offers childcare

Fort Riley Child and Youth Services provides free Saturday childcare from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on specified dates for families of deployed Soldiers and Soldiers who have returned within the past three months.

Free childcare will be provided May 6 and 20 at School Age Services, Building 5810, and the Child Development Center, Building 6950. Participants must register in advance by noon the prior Thursday.

For more information or to register, call 239-9220 for SAS or 239-9935 for CDC.

### Post schools slate roundup

Ware Elementary School on Fort Riley will conduct its kindergarten roundup information meeting at 2:30 p.m. May. Fort Riley Elementary School will conduct its roundup at 2:30 p.m. May 9.

### School plans fundraiser

Custer Hill Elementary School's Student Council will hold a bake sale May 6 during the post yard sale to raise money for new playground equipment. The students will be selling coffee, donuts and juice. At the school, 6344 Hampton Place, beginning at 7:30 a.m.

For information, call Susie Weir or Tim Stuck at 717-4320.

### Students get scholarships

The Scholarship for Military Children program has awarded 500 students \$1,500 scholarships to apply toward college tuition this fall. Mark Derby, Fort Riley commissary store director, announced the local winners recently. They are Jared Bowyer from Fort Riley and Angel Romero from Milford, Kan. Both attend Junction City High School.

### Post blood drive scheduled

The Red Cross Blood drive will be May 16 and 17 at Riley's Conference Center. For more information, call

### Stay In Step with Fort Riley

See what's happening on Fort Riley cable Channel 2 every day at 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., noon, 6 p.m. and 10 p.m.

## Housing self-help store to go away



By Cassidy Hill  
Communications Manager

When Picerne Military Housing assumes responsibility for all Fort Riley on-post family homes, residents will no longer need to visit the Self-Help store to get items for repairs or renovations.

On July 1, Picerne will open six neighborhood offices from which neighborhood managers, maintenance supervisors and their teams will work to serve family housing needs. Each of these decentralized neighborhood locations will have its own management and maintenance staff so that families are better served and

housing issues are addressed more quickly. Post Residential Community Initiative officials and Picerne representatives are in the process of determining locations for the neighborhood offices.

Because Picerne employees will take care of all the on-post family housing maintenance

issues, there will no longer be a need for the post's self-help store. It will close June 30. Residents who like to make their own repairs can still get items such as filters, light bulbs and touch up paint at their neighborhood office.

For more information about self-help or Picerne Military Housing, call (785) 717-2200.

## Horrific history

### Event recalls Nazi atrocity

Victim tells of existence in 'camp'

By Anna Morelock  
Staff writer

Soldiers and civilians gathered at Riley's Conference Center April 26 to remember victims, heroes and survivors of the Holocaust. Dr. William Samelson, who lived through the event, spoke of his experiences.

"I like to emphasize the experiences of individuals," Samelson said. By telling individual stories and painting a "living picture," Samelson said, he hoped to give people a better perspective of the Holocaust and make them more sensitive to what people went through.

Samelson was almost 11 years old and living in Poland with his parents, older brother and younger sister when he first heard whispered worries about the events unfolding before World War II.

"Apparently the world stood still. The world was silent," he said about reactions to threats from Adolf Hitler.

Hitler's threats became a reality for Samelson on Sept. 1, 1939, when the sound of air raid sirens pierced the air.

The Germans moved into Samelson's town. Samelson and others were forbidden to pray and assemble. Eventually they were confined to a ghetto that occupied one-tenth of the town and was surrounded by barbed wire and guarded with dogs.

"All we cherished disappeared overnight," Samelson

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Depicting the suffering of prisoners, this sculpture stands just outside the museum of the Dachau concentration camp. Soldiers and family members of the 1st Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Franconia visited the camp April 20.

## 1st Division families visit Dachau

By Stephen Baack  
Army News Service

DACHAU, Germany — More than 200 Soldiers and family members of the 1st Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Franconia visited the Dachau concentration camp April 20 and experienced one of history's most horrific landmarks.

The Dachau concentration camp was the first of many the Nazis established, and it stood as a model for those that followed. While not intended to be an extermination camp like the more infamous Auschwitz camp in Poland, documentation shows that about 30,000 prisoners were killed in Dachau. Thousands more died from disease, starvation and suicide.

More than 200,000 prisoners from more than 30 countries were imprisoned in Dachau between 1933 and 1945. The camp was used to intern Jews and Christian religious prisoners.



A bundle of flowers lies at the foot of one of four furnaces inside the crematorium at Dachau concentration camp. More than 200 Soldiers and family members from the 1st Infantry Division and U.S. Army Garrison Franconia visited the camp April 20.

Records indicate that more than 3,000 priests, deacons, bishops, rabbis and other religious leaders were imprisoned at Dachau.

While all but two of the barracks buildings are gone, other parts of the camp — the gas chamber and crematoriums, for example — remain intact.

"My impression was one of astonishment because the history that we're walking through — the area that we're standing on — was a site of such anguish and torture," said Capt. Darrell Otto, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Command, U.S. Army Garrison Franconia.

"It particularly struck me while I was down by the crematorium," he added. "I took a little path through the woods, sat on a bench there right near a pistol range where they would execute the prisoners. It's such a beautiful day today, and just to think a half-century ago, people were being tortured and killed — and just the pain and suffering that was going on in this site — it was just very sobering."

Otto said he required his Soldiers to visit the site for sergeant's time training because of its historical value.

"It is eye-opening to think

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## K-State coach wraps up month's observance

Ron Prince talks about acceptance of diversity, how it benefits children

By Anna Morelock  
Staff writer

Kansas State University Head Football Coach Ron Prince spoke to Soldiers and civilians about building strong families and teams May 1 at the Soldier and Family Support Center. Prince's visit concluded a month of activi-

ties planned by the Family Advocacy Program as a part of April's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

"The job is the same wherever you go," Prince said. "The job is to get the right kind of people into your organization and then to try and train those people as specifically as you can." What makes his

job at K-State different from other coaching jobs is the fact that he grew up in this area, he stated.

Prince spoke about Kansas history and encouraged people to take pride in the state and especially in the diversity of the Fort Riley-Junction City area.

When the time came for Kansas to choose to be a free or

slave state, the people chose freedom, Prince said. "That is our legacy. That's who we are," he stated. "Because of that we have an atmosphere of tolerance, an atmosphere of inclusion that is very unique."

Prince said he didn't fully appreciate that fact growing up, but said he later realized when liv-

ing and coaching in other states. Issues the people of Kansas resolved long, long ago, he said, were still being dealt with in those states as late as the 1980s.

Another thing Prince said he realized while away from Kansas was that football is the greatest of

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## Community news briefly

### Adult readers discuss books

Fort Riley's adult readers group will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the first Thursday of each month to discuss a selected book. For more information or to join the group, call 239-5305.

### 'Boot camp' set for new dads

On Tuesday, May 23rd, 2006 at the Family Network Learning Center in the basement of the Municipal Building will offer a class for fathers-to-be from 6 to 9 p.m. May 23.

"Boot Camp for New Dads" is a national program designed to help rookie dads who are expecting their first baby feel comfortable with their upcoming new infant. These rookie dads will be assisted by veteran dads and their babies.

The three-hour class will focus on the changing roles and responsibilities of a man becoming a father, ways in which he can support his mate and new mom and hands-on skills of caring for an infant.

Veteran dads will demonstrate burping, swaddling, changing diapers, etc. and provide the rookies an opportunity to handle the baby.

Other topics for discussion include safety issues, preventing child abuse, bonding, balancing work and family and forming a parenting team.

For more information or to register, call Kathy Williams in the Innovations in Schools and Community office at 717-4021 or send e-mail to Jim Williams at jimwilliams@usd475.org.

### Chaplaincy adds service

Worship opportunities at Fort Riley now include a service in the Liturgical Protestant tradition.

The one-hour service begins at 9 a.m. in historic St. Mary's Chapel, 3 Barry Avenue.

For more information, contact the pastor, Chaplain (Maj.) Greg Thogmartin at 239-5711 or call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 239-3359.

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all team games. There is a diversity of skill – big guys, little guys, fast guys, strong guys, kickers, linemen, quarterbacks, linebackers – and people can watch the NFL drafts and see that all of them have value, he added.

Prince said the people of Junction City and surrounding areas also value diversity. Prince's best friend while growing up was of Polish decent. Behind Prince lived a man who had married a German woman after World War II. Across the street lived a man from Alabama who married a woman from Korea. Next door was a couple from Louisiana. On the other side lived a couple from Puerto Rico.

Prince said he was lucky to grow up in such an atmosphere of diversity, and that during the time he never really gave it a second thought.

Now Prince said he credits his upbringing for his confidence today. There is really no social activity he could go into, he said, where he would not be comfortable because of growing up in such a diverse town, and that continues to be an advantage to area kids.

"I've lived the life that many of you are living and that many of your children are having the chance to live, and I can tell you that I think I've had a tremendous advantage," Prince said. "I think that you have an advantage here by having such a melting pot."

Before Prince's speech, attendees listened to two songs performed by the Junction City High School Men's Ensemble.

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Post/Morelock

Coach Ron Prince is introduced to one of his tiniest fans after speaking to Soldiers and civilians at the Soldier and Family Support Center May 1. Prince spoke on building strong families and teams as a part of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

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## Enlisted spouses pamper themselves

Spouse socialize and sign up for prizes during the Fort Riley Enlisted Spouses' Club's "Pamper Me Night" March 30 at Rally Point on post. More than 124 wives attended the evening event. Fort Riley units and other organizations donated baskets of items that were auctioned to raise funds for club activities.

## 1st baby born in women's center

By Jan Clark  
IACH PAO

Jocelynn Paige Storm arrived into the world April 28, the first baby to be born in the new Women's Health Center at Irwin Army Community Hospital.

She is the daughter of Spc. Benjamin and Leah Storm and was delivered by Caesarian section at 8:23 a.m.

Storm, from Chesapeake, Va., entered the Army in 1999 and

serves as a light wheeled vehicle mechanic. He is assigned to Company F, 610th Brigade Support Battalion, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

Storm was deployed from February 2004 to February 2005 and missed the birth of his first daughter, Madison Rylei.

Storm said, "My wife and I, while we were living in Germany, watched the construction of this wing on the Armed Forces Network. We never imagined we'd be

the first to have a child here.

"The medical staff was great. Jocelynn had a little problem at birth. The staff moved quickly, so the little problem didn't become a big one," he said. "We couldn't be happier with the care we've received."

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## Community news briefly

### Conference set for couples

National speaker Tom Nelson will conduct a marriage conference for military couples from 7 to 10 p.m. May 19 and from 9 a.m. to noon May 20 at Riley's Conference Center.

His topic will be "What Your Mate Thought You Meant When You Said, 'I Do.'"

The conference is free but tickets are required. See a unit chaplain for tickets or call Don Ericson at 239-0979.

Limited on-site childcare will be available for children ages 6 weeks to 5 years old. To reserve childcare space, call Lisa Ramsey at 239-4814. All children will need to have proof of immunizations.

### Hospital offers yearly exams

The Irwin Army Community Hospital gynecology clinic has set aside May 18 and 19 for Pap smear, pelvic and breast exams. The clinic also will conduct birth control consultations on those days.

"Our desire is to reach all women in our community who have not had these exams in over a year. We want to ensure they have the opportunity to get their well-woman gynecological care in a timely manner," said Capt. Meeleen Charles, M.D., obstetrics and gynecology staff physician.

### Action council to meet May 15

The next meeting of the Community Action Council will be 10 a.m. to noon May 15 at Riley's Conference Center, Building 446, Seitz Drive, on Main Post.

Attendees will receive briefings on programs and activities at Fort Riley.

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said.

Samelson heard rumors of people arriving in the ghetto who weren't Soldiers but execution squads. After various methods of disposing of the people were found too inefficient, the Nazis used the inhabitants of the ghetto for slave labor to build extermination camps.

"We were used up like you use up sandpaper, like you use up soap," Samelson said of the way they were treated.

"The might of the German military machine was awesome," he recalled. Although he said the resistance was hopeless, it didn't stop people from finding small ways to try. People prayed. Children were educated in the ghetto despite it being forbidden. "Resistance has many faces," he added.

One day the family was called from its home by loud speakers announcing a resettlement throughout the ghetto.

The prisoners were lined up. If they met a certain height requirement, they were sent one direction. If they didn't, they went the other.

Samelson recalled his sister's turn at the yardstick. She was 7 years old. She tried to stand on her toes, but couldn't reach the requirement. She was sent one direction.

Samelson was almost 13; his brother three years older. They met the requirement and were sent the opposite direction from their sister.

Samelson's mother, who was in her 30s, met the requirement. She told the brothers they would take care of themselves, but to never forget what happened. She followed her daughter.

That was the last time Samelson saw his mother and sister. He and his brother were taken to Buchenwald, a Nazi labor camp.

During this time, Samelson's father was in prison in Siberia with part of the Polish army.

At Buchenwald, Samelson and the other prisoners were shaved with a dull razor, dipped into a vat of formaldehyde and brought into a shower room.

"Gas didn't come out, but neither did water," he recounted.

He registered at the camp with his mother's maiden name so he and his brother could remain

### About speaker

**Dr. William Samelson is a visiting professor of Holocaust and genocide studies at the University of Texas at San Antonio and Trinity University.**

**Among his many publications are "All Lie in Wait," "One Bridge to Life" and "Warning and Hope."**

together. He then became number 116411.

During part of his internment, Samelson worked in a bazooka factory where he molded small pieces of metal to form a triggering device. Samelson said he tampered with the devices and fantasized about a Nazi trying to blow up a tank. In his daydream, when the Nazi pulled the trigger, nothing happened and he could see the astonishment on the soldier's face.

Samelson was liberated by Gen. George S. Patton in April 1945. He and his brother were carried to a medical van. They weighed 62 pounds each.

Samelson and his brother were eventually reunited with their father.

Not all Nazi's were bad, Samelson recalled. After being liberated, he was assigned a tutor. She was once a Nazi. She was also blind, but she saw Samelson better than anyone who had sight, he said. Americans liberated his body, his teacher liberated his soul, he recalled.

He also spoke of a Nazi supervisor at Buchenwald. Samelson recounted being called into his office, from where people didn't return.

While mopping, Samelson stole a sandwich wrapped in newspaper from the supervisor's coat. He thought he would be caught and punished, but was instead called back daily to the office. Each time he left with a sandwich wrapped in newspaper to share with the others.

"There is good and there is bad in all of us," Samelson said. "It is our choice."

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**Dr. William Samelson speaks to an audience attending the Fort Riley Days of Remembrance Observance April 26 at Riley's Conference Center. He talked about his incarceration at Buchenwald, one of Hitler's labor camps for Jewish people.**

## Dachau

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that there were dozens of these camps all around Germany and of the magnitude and volume of people who were shuttled through here, brought in and executed," Otto said. "I'm glad it's open to the public like this so that so many people can experience it so history does not repeat itself."

Visitors also toured the museum that showcases hundreds of pictures depicting prisoners' everyday lives, their living conditions and the constant harassment by guards. The museum also houses such items as a locker with

a prisoner uniform hanging inside and a desk built by prisoners.

The detention building stands next to the museum. Known as "the Bunker," the building was a source of terror for prisoners. Many of those imprisoned there were tortured, murdered or driven to suicide. As one of the first Nazi camps to be liberated by Allied forces – in this case, the 45th Infantry Division – the Dachau concentration camp symbolized to the world the brutality of the Nazis.

"It gives you a sick feeling in

your stomach to go through the museum – to go from one part to another and to read some of the stories," said James Mueller, commander and chief of the U.S. Veterans of Foreign Wars. "... It's unbelievable that man could do this to another man and to thousands and thousands of people ... it's beyond words to describe some of the things that you hear and see in here."

Spc. Stephen Baack writes for the 1st Infantry Division Public Affairs Office.

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## Community news briefly

### Teen Center lists activities

**May 5** – 6 to 9 p.m., New-comers taco night  
**May 6** – 3 to 6 p.m., new-comers tour of all the “hot spots” in Junction City and Manhattan and lunch stop  
**May 12** – 8 to 10:30 p.m., middle school dance  
**May 13** – 9 to 11:30 p.m., high school dance  
For more information, call the Teen Center at 239-9222.

### Support Center lists activities

The Soldier and Family Support Center, Building 7264 on Normandy Drive, will host the following activities:  
**May 8** – 9 a.m. to noon, brunch pot-luck for the Waiting Spouses’ Group and the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Group. Bring a brunch side dish and recipe to share. Pre-registration is required to attend. Free childcare will be available. Shot records required for all children. Call 239-9435 to register.  
For more information on scheduled activities, call the Soldier and Family Support Center at 239-9435.

### Rally Point sets family night

**May 5** – 5 to 8 p.m., family night, 8 p.m. to close, dance music

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## Leisure time ideas

### At the movies:

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children 11 and under. Children under the age of 5 are free except during children's matinees or expected sell-outs.

**May 5** — Failure to Launch (PG-13) 97 Min  
**May 6** — V for Vendetta (R) 132 Min

**May 7** — She's the Man (PG-13) 105 Min  
**May 11** — Larry the Cable Guy: Health Inspector (PG-13) 89 Min

**May 12** — Stay Alive (PG-13) 85 Min

For more information, call 784-2226 or 784-2640.

Get away and explore Kansas. Following are just a few examples of events and festivals taking place in Kansas. Check out details on these and other events on the Kansas Travel and Tourism Web site, [www.travelKS.com](http://www.travelKS.com).

### Concordia:

**What:** Great White Way car run - A re-enactment of the May 15, 1914 car run that began in Concordia, Kan., and headed eastward to Frankfort, Kan. Special activities are planned in Frankfort at 2 p.m. and many small towns along the way will have the welcome mat out for visitors.

**When:** 8 a.m. May 13  
**Where:** start at 310 W. 6th St., Brown Grand Opera House, Concordia; or 200 S. 10th St., Santa Fe Depot, Atchinson

**Contact:** Lori Parker, (785) 363-7228

**Web site:** <http://kswwhite-way.blogspot.com>

### Wichita:

**What:** ArtPositions: Modern and Contemporary Art from the Collection. This revolving installation draws from the Ulrich Museum's extensive collection of paintings, sculptures, prints and drawings, photographs, and new media works to highlight various movements and styles of the past century, with an emphasis on current work by emerging and established artists of national and international reputation.

**When:** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Aug. 6

**Where:** 1845 Fairmount St., Ulrich Museum of Art, Wichita State University

**Phone:** (316) 978-3664

**Web site:** <http://www.ulrich.wichita.edu>

**Admission:** Free

### ITR helps with travel

Information, Ticketing and Registration offers discount tickets for the 18th annual O'Reilly NHRA Summer Nationals May 25-28 at Heartland Park in Topeka is May 19.

Kansas City Brigade Arena Football discount tickets are still available through April 28 for the May 6 game.

For more information, call 239-5614 or visit ITR in Building 6918.

## Stampede books top country talent

### Special to the Post

Six country artists nominated for Academy of Country Music Awards will perform at this year's Affiliated Foods Midwest Country Stampede in Manhattan, Kan., June 22-25.

The camping and music festival at Tuttle Creek State Park will host "Entertainer of the Year" and "Video of the Year" nominee Toby Keith; "Top Male Vocalist," "Album of the Year," "Single Record of the Year," "Song of the Year," "Video of the Year" and "Vocal Event of the Year" nomi-

nee Brad Paisley; "Top Female Vocalist" nominees Sara Evans and Gretchen Wilson; "Top New Male Vocalist" nominee Jason Aldean; and "Top New Female Vocalist" and "Video of the Year" nominee Miranda Lambert.

Tuttle Creek State Park features more than 2,400 campsites, shower houses, restrooms and shaded campsites and is conveniently located within walking distance of the festival.

Tickets and general campsite reservations are available. For a limited time, 4-day tickets are \$100. Single day admission tick-

ets for Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday are \$60.

Complete ticket and camping package information can be accessed by calling (800) 795-8091 or on the Web at [www.countrystampede.com](http://www.countrystampede.com).

The 2006 Country Stampede line-up for June 22 is:

94 Country Colgate Showdown at 4:30 p.m., Jason Boland and the Stragglers at 6 p.m., Keith Anderson 7:30 p.m. and Gretchen Wilson at 9:30 p.m.

The line-up for June 23 is:

The Blaine Younger Band at noon, Angela Peterson at 1:30

p.m., Red Dogs at 3 p.m., Trent Tomlinson at 5 p.m., Joe Nichols at 7:15 p.m. and Toby Keith at 9:30 p.m.

The June 24 line-up is: Jerrod Niemann at noon, Shevy Smith at 1 p.m., Eric Church at 3 p.m., Jason Aldean at 5 p.m., Sara Evans at 7:15 p.m. and Brad Paisley at 9:30 p.m.

On stage June 25 will be:

Cross Country the Band at 12:30 p.m., Western Underground at 2 p.m., Miranda Lambert at 4 p.m., Chris Cagle at 6 p.m. and Terri Clark at 8 p.m.

### Volunteers needed

Country Stampede officials are looking for 350 volunteers to work Country Stampede June 23, 24 and 25.

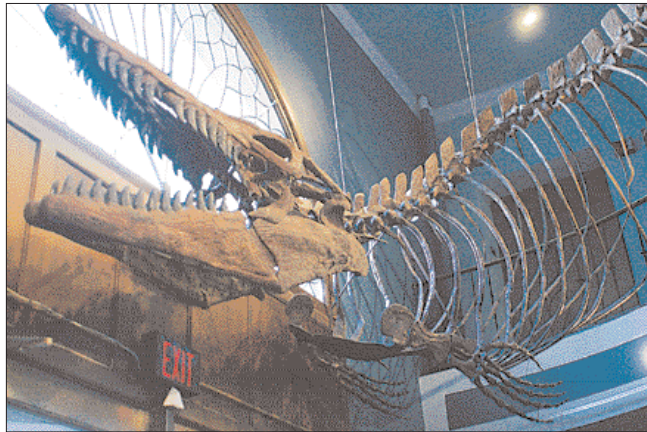
Volunteers receive free admission all four days of the event, free \$400 seating, free T-shirt and free lunch and dinner.

Volunteers must work five hours each of the three days. For more information or to volunteer, call Mick McCallister at 762-6615.

## Past preserved

The cast of a mosasaur hangs above the main entrance to the KU Natural History Museum. The mosasaur was a sea lizard that lived in waters which used to cover Kansas. This specimen was found in Western Kansas.

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## Museum, Fort Riley linked by horse

By Amanda Kim Stairrett  
Staff writer

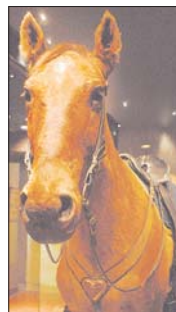
The University of Kansas Natural History Museum and Fort Riley have a past together — all because of a horse.

After the Battle of the Little Bighorn the summer of 1876, the lone U.S. survivor on the field was a brown horse named Comanche. Comanche was the mount of Maj. Miles Keough, though he is often incorrectly billed as Lt. Col. George A. Custer's horse.

Soldiers nursed the horse, who suffered from numerous bullet and arrow wounds, back to health; and he was retired and treated as a war hero at Fort Riley, once the home of the U.S. 7th Cavalry Regiment.

Upon Comanche's death at Fort Riley in 1891, the regiment's officers gave his body to Lewis Lindsay Dyche, a famed scientist, explorer and taxidermist at the University of Kansas, said Jason Wolvington, gallery director.

Comanche has been on display at the University of Kansas since. Recently the museum completed a project to



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Comanche, a horse rode by Capt. Miles Keough during the Battle of the Little Bighorn, is on display at the KU Natural History Museum in Lawrence.

restore the horse and move him to a special climate-controlled space.

Though Comanche is signif-

icant to the museum's history, less than 6 percent of museum visitors come specifically to see him, Wolvington said.

"Of course, all visitors to the museum see him once they're here," he said. The museum draws about 50,000 people a year, according to the Web site.

The museum has an active beehive that allows bees to set up a colony and enter and exit the museum. "Visitors love watching the bees come and go," Wolvington said.

Live snake and fish displays are also featured.

The Panorama of North American Plants and Animals is the centerpiece to the museum. The animals were collected, mounted and displayed by Dyche. The museum bears his name. It contains one of the largest continuous dioramas in the nation, Wolvington said. It contains realistic scenes of animal and plant life from Alaska to Mexico, according to the Web site.

The building was constructed to house Dyche's Panorama and the display has stood in its current exhibit since the museum opened its doors to the public in 1904. Though Dyche Hall

### If you go:

**What:** Dyche Hall, Museum of Natural History

**Where:** About 85 miles east of Fort Riley on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence.

**Hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

**Admission:** \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. For more information on the museum and driving directions, visit <http://nhm.ku.edu/> or call (785) 864-4450.

wasn't finished until the early 1900s, the museum has beginnings that date to the university's founding in 1866.

The museum is supported by the University of Kansas and is located on the scenic campus. Part of the museum's operating expenses and funding come directly from the University, and grants and other gifts make up the rest.

## Wetzel pioneer cabin to open

By Gaylynn Childs  
Executive director, GCHS

Restoration of the historic Wetzel Log Cabin Church located at the Geary County Historical Society's Spring Valley Heritage Site has been completed.

To celebrate this long-awaited accomplishment, a public open house and ribbon-cutting will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. May 7 at the site located 3 miles west of Junction City at the southeast corner of Spring Valley Road at the Kansas Highway 18 intersection.

A special dedication ceremony under the auspices of the former Kansas Lutheran Historical Society will begin at 2:30 p.m.

The program will feature a brief history of the little cabin that housed the first Lutheran church services conducted in Kansas. A selection of old-time hymns will be performed by the Immanuel Lutheran Church Choir under the direction of Laura Marrs, and the formalities will conclude with a dedicatory prayer and ribbon cutting.

All interested persons and friends of the Wetzel Cabin, the church and the society are cordially invited to attend.

After the program and throughout the afternoon, costumed docents will be available to conduct tours through Wetzel Cabin and the other pioneer-era structures on the site. Appropriate refreshments will be served.

The structure known as the Wetzel Cabin Church was originally built in 1857 at a location south of Junction City on Clark's Creek. In 1861 the two-roomed dog trot-style cabin was the home of C.F. Wetzel and his family when F.W. Lange, a Missouri-Synod Lutheran missionary, came into the area.

He lived for a season with the Wetzels and organized a church among the German settlers in the neighborhood. The first church services were conducted in the Wetzel home.

This original group grew to become St. Paul's Lutheran Parish and eventually a proper church building was constructed near the little cabin.

The festival originated on the Penner Farm in 1990 near Inman and, since 1998, has moved around the state every two years.

It also has been held in Pratt, Ottawa, Independence and Newton.

For more information on the festival, visit [www.kansassamplerfestival.com](http://www.kansassamplerfestival.com).

## Sampler Festival offers travel smorgasbord

### Special to the Post

EMPORIA, Kan. — Everyone is invited to explore Kansas at the 17th Annual Kansas Sampler Festival in Garden City May 6 and 7.

As a kick-off to See America/National Tourism Week, May 12-21, the Festival will be held at the Lee Richardson Zoo.

The purpose of the festival is to provide the public a sample of what there is to see, do, hear, taste and buy in Kansas.

About one in every five incorporated cities in Kansas is represented at the festival and will vie for the attention of the 5,000 to 8,000 people expected to attend.

Tent after tent of exhibitors will

be placed in geographical regions promoting tourism attractions. One large tent is packed with Kansas products while Kansas entertainers perform on multiple stages.

The area will be dotted with food vendors selling ethnic or specialty foods.

The festival will be 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. May 6 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 7-14.

A shuttle will take visitors from the parking lot to the festival site. Plenty of places are provided for those wanting to sit and enjoy the three entertainment areas, community display tents and ethnic food concessions.

